

Family Law and Family Support – Hearing Types

In order to appear via telephonic appearance, parties must check to see if telephonic appearances are allowed for their hearing type and if a judicial officer's approval is required. Parties must file the appropriate form to appear telephonically regardless of whether or not judicial approval is required. For hearing types that require judicial approval, the court will notify the requesting party if the request is denied at least two (2) court days in advance of the hearing. If the hearing type does not require judicial approval or if the request is approved, the court will call the requesting party at the time of the hearing.

Telephonic appearances in family law and family support hearings are authorized as follows:

Hearing Type	Telephonic Allowed	Judicial Approval Required
Trial Assignment Conference	Yes	No
Trial Confirming Conference	Yes	No
Mandatory Settlement Conference	Yes	Yes
Family Centered Case Resolution	Yes	Yes
Review	Yes	No
Review: After Mediation	Yes	No
Review: After Mediation Orientation	Yes	No
Default/Court Judgment	Yes	Yes
Court Trial: Long Cause	Yes	Yes
Court Trial: Long Cause (Ongoing)	Yes	Yes
Court Trial: Short Cause	Yes	Yes
Further Proceedings	Yes	No
Motion Hearing	Yes	No
Order to Show Cause	Yes	Yes
Order for Examination Hearing	Yes	Yes
Emergency Request Hearing	Yes	Yes
Domestic Violence Restraining Order	Yes	Yes

Telephonic appearances are not allowed in any hearing types not listed above.

Questions about your hearing type?

Please call the Family Law and Support Division at (916) 408-6000